

*Draft - but contains useful info.*

18 September 1953

Memorandum

Subject: National Intelligence Digest (NID)

1. Present Distribution and Supply. Fifty-seven copies of the NID have been distributed; 3 have been cannibalized, making a total of 60. <sup>There</sup> ~~are~~ remaining 10 complete sets and a further 10 empty folders.
2. Increase in Distribution. The increase over the November 1952 distribution includes 1 copy to OCB, 4 extra to DD/P and 4 extra to AFOIN.
3. Appreciation of the NID. We have received a number of comments in response to the DD/I's request which was attached to the July 1953 revision. Most of these may be dismissed as typical bread and butter letters. However, DD/P wrote a careful memorandum which is very valuable. Their comments are as follows:
  - a. FI says that the NID is of only marginal value because they require more current and detailed data than the NID is designed to provide.
  - b. PP and PM find it invaluable for daily consultation. They stress 3 unique aspects: its authority in that its material is largely from NIE's; its orientation on a world-wide or broader regional basis; the way it brings together <sup>under</sup> ~~over~~ a general heading useful information not generally available elsewhere.
  - c. Another DD/P staff comments that the NID is at its best in <sup>its</sup> ~~the~~ clarity and realism, ~~of its basic assumptions.~~The DD/P strongly urges its continued production.

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